changing, in case of transmitting encoded data which has been encoded to a

receiving side, the encoding in a predetermined unit; and

performing recording according to the number of requirements, from the

receiving side, of information concerning decoding of the encoded data, for charges.

21. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein the encoded data is the data

obtained by encoding data including image and audio.

22. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein the predetermined unit is a

predetermined time unit.

23. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein the encoding is performed in a

symmetrical key encoding method.

24. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein the recording according to the

requirement relates to charge information concerning utilization of the encoded data.

25. (New) A receiving method comprising the steps of:

receiving encoded data which has been encoded, from a transmitting side;

requiring information concerning decoding of the encoded data, to the

transmitting side, when the reception and decoding of the encoded data are continued; and

decoding the encoded data by using the obtained information concerning the

decoding.

26. (New) A method according to claim 25, wherein the encoded data is the data

obtained by encoding data including image and audio.

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27. (New) A method according to claim 25, wherein the encoded data which has been encoded is the encoded data of which encoding method has been changed in a predetermined time unit.

28. (New) A method according to claim 25, wherein the encoding is performed in a symmetrical key encoding method.

29. (New) A method according to claim 25, wherein the requirement is based on user's instructions.

30. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein the requirement continuously issues the requirement to the transmitting side every predetermined unit time while a user wishes use, and stops issuing the requirement when the user terminates the use.

31. (New) A method according to claim 30, wherein it is possible to change by recording from what time and how many keys changed every predetermined unit time were transmitted.

32. (New) A storing medium for storing, in a computer readable state, the steps of:

changing, in case of transmitting encoded data which has been encoded to a receiving side, the encoding in a predetermined unit; and

performing recording according to the number of requirements, from the receiving side, of information concerning decoding of the encoded data, for charges.

33. (New) A storing medium for storing, in a computer readable state, the steps of:

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